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Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Comment Deadlines Established Regarding the LightSquared Technical Working Group
Report, IB Docket No. 11-109

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing as a health care professional to ask the Commission's help to bring reliable broadband Internet and cell phone coverage to rural communities.

Recently I was in Grand Marais, Minnesota, which is about 110 miles northeast of Duluth on the shore of Lake Superior, for a long weekend with friends. Grand Marais is a popular summer vacation spot that attracts many residents from the Twin Cities. During the course of the weekend I needed to contact several patients and I was unable to do so for four days. I was also unable to check in on my daughter, who suffers from epilepsy. I did not like this, especially when there is an option available to provide cell coverage in isolated areas like Grand Marais.

I understand that the Commission is currently reviewing an application by LightSquared to turn on a nationwide satellite network that will address this lack of access. This is good news, since the complete lack of cell coverage is a problem for health care professionals who need to maintain contact with their patients while visiting vacation spots.

I encourage the Commission to move without delay to expand cell and wireless Broadband coverage in rural America by approving LightSquared's application.

Sincerely,

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